



**NJ Society to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**  
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Steve Shatkin  
President

Larry Donato  
Vice President

Minutes Recorded By: Secretary Frank Rizzo II  
Re: Meeting Minutes February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Location: New Brunswick Public Library Annex

1. Meeting opened with Salute to the Flag by President Steve Shatkin at 7:30pm.
2. Attendance taken by Secretary Frank D Rizzo II
  1. Trustees Present
    1. Trustee Phil Amato
    2. Trustee Robert Boyle
    3. Trustee Michael Santiago
    4. Trustee Steve Dash
    5. Trustee Francis Rizzo
    6. Trustee Larry Donato
    7. Trustee Frank Rizzo II
    8. Trustee Steve Shatkin
    9. Board Attorney Harry Levin
  2. Trustees Absent
    1. Trustee Matt Stanton
    2. Trustee Alan VanSavage
    3. Trustee Laz Bernavon
  3. Trustees Excused
    1. Trustee Cheryl Mosca
    2. Trustee Josh Holzer
3. Motion made by Trustee Rizzo II to accept prior months meeting minutes and special board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Larry Donato
  1. All in favor vote passed.
4. Treasurer's Report – Distributed bills to be paid to board.
  1. Financial Status is tight and will continue to run with a tight belt.
5. Law Enforcement Report
  1. Phase I HLEO class at Ocean County Police Academy
    1. April 27<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>
  2. Activity reports sent to AG.
  3. Calls since December Meeting
    1. 372 Complaints
    2. 169 Closed
    3. 203 Active
  4. Created the position of “Animal Advocate”
    1. Position will track animals removed on cases
    2. Agent Michael Peters has been appointed as Animal Advocate
6. Law Committee
  1. All state litigations filed from former Hunterdon County SPCA have been finalized and settled.
  2. Walter Wilson (Former board attorney for Hunterdon County SPCA) has had suit filed against him.
7. Membership Committee
  1. New Members:
    1. Teresa “Terry” Volrath
    2. Robert Noel
  2. Motion made by Trustee Amato to accept new members and seconded by Trustee Donato
    1. All in favor vote passed.
  3. Member Resigned:
    1. Vincent Siragucci resigned his membership after allegations of lying on his application came up.

8. Community Service Report by Ed Dobrosky
  1. 2017 Season started with Pet Expo
  2. Reserved 2018 Pet Expo space
  3. SPCA Country Pet-tactular scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017
9. Old Business
  1. Dissolution statement added to the by-laws.
10. New Business
  1. Union County SPCA charter revocation
    1. Motion made by Trustee Donato and seconded by Trustee Rizzo
    2. All in favor vote passed.
  2. Forensic Audit
    1. Auditing the former Hunterdon County SPCA accounts going back 5 years this is being paid by an angel donor
    2. Phony – Facebook page, has been removed.
    3. Considering moving board meetings around the state to give people an opportunity from around the state to come to meetings. Targeting Passaic County for March 2017 meeting.
  4. Real-Estate Committee
    1. Perhaps selling the building and renting an office instead
  5. One Bills
    1. S-2847 – Sponsored by Senator Sweeny
    2. Mandatory spay and neutering it has a number of issues regarding 7 day holds and euthanizing immediately. Many language issues exist.
11. Good and Welfare
  1. Sy Goldberg in the hospital and in critical condition.
12. Open Session
  1. Colleen Wronko – Wanted to thank Sgt. Rizzo for his work on the Just Pups – East Hanover Case for going above board / S-2847 Bill and issues with the wording.
  2. Lorraine Healy – in reference to the S-2847 Bill who makes the determination on whether or not the animal lives.
  3. Virginia McGuiness – she is concerned that there are a number of contractions of the three bills S-2846, 2847, 2848.
  4. Teresa Spataro – Noticed the veterinary forensic science program and collaboration with the NYPD and the ASPCA. Wants to get more involved in volunteering.
  5. Brian Stone – “impressed” that we spoke about the animals. “Board Officer Raise” says the board members get a check every month. By-Laws issue – membership dues went up and there was no “input” from the paid membership. Questions about which by-laws were sent to the AG. Appointed a compliance officer: but did the compliance office know about the necessary by-law changes. “Transparency needs to be better.”
  6. Ed Dobrosky – SPCRA – Shaker Paw Rescue just be aware they have a similar acronym.
  7. Jack Dixon – Questioned why Trustee Rizzo II got his corporal stripes back? States that “you people lie.”
  8. Colleen Wronko – OPRA on attorney invoices
  9. Steve Wronko – directed at President Shatkin and Board Attorney Levin – “Fuck You!”
13. Motion to end the meeting by Trustee Donato seconded by Trustee Rizzo II.
  1. All in favor passed.

Sincerely,  
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